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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Bangkok Bureau - January 1985

I. GENERAL

Vietnam followed up its vigorous early dry season offensive in Cambodia by overrunning the headquarters near the Thai border of the KPNLF faction of the resistance forces in early January and dealing other sharp blows to that faction. By month's end the Vietnamese also were preparing to attack Khmer Rouge strongholds in the area. One result has been increased clashes with Thai forces, which in turn elicited Chinese expressions of support for Thailand and the Cambodian resistance as well as heightened warnings of trouble along the Sino-Vietnamese border.

The bureau's Vietnamese unit processed what seems to be a local best seller, an article on Vietnam's policy in Cambodia by Politburo member Gen. Le Duc Anh in the military journal TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN. Texted from installments carried by Hanoi radio, the article attracted attention for its discussion of Indochina as an integrated strategic theater, of the problems encountered by the Vietnamese from their involvement in Cambodia, and of the need to develop a Cambodian political infrastructure. (Among others using the bureau's translation, the Bangkok POST Indochina commentator failed to notice that some of the passages he quoted used "Kampuchea" while other quotations used "Cambodia"--the change in FBIS style having taken place while the series of installments was in progress.)

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Following more than 6 months of nearly unmonitorable coverage of the clandestine Vietnam Resistance Radio, probably due to jamming, the bureau ceased wirefiling program summaries to Headquarters and BBC effective 7 January. These are now being pouched to AG.

2. The training of new South Asian monitor [redacted] who gives the bureau a Tamil capability, has progressed to the point that a Colombo and a Moscow Tamil-language cast could be added to coverage effective 30 January.

B. Lateral Services

At a dinner party attended by Deputy Chief [redacted] on 30 January, Australian Ambassador Gordon Jockel, dean of the diplomatic corps in Thailand and former director of the JIO, praised FBIS translations at length. During a discussion of the Le Duc Anh article, Jockel said he had obtained from the American Embassy the FBIS version of the item in order to have the "definitive translation" and went on to say that he had been seeking out FBIS translations of important items for more than 30 years.

C. Technical

1. The bureau received and has already effectively employed a system of Motorola paging receivers. These will ensure that a technician or the engineers can be contacted after duty hours or when the telephone system is not working (which is often the case at present).

2. The bureau has received its third IBM-PC, and eight employees have been designated to receive training on the computers from contractors being sent from Headquarters in February. Communications Section chief [] is providing a crash introductory course to the those designated students who have little or no experience with computers.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Teletypist [] gave birth to a boy on 16 January.

B. Building and Grounds

The air conditioning system on the operations floor has been providing uneven coverage, particularly in the evening hours, throughout the month. The Kian Gwan service personnel and the bureau engineers have been spending considerable time adjusting the system to work reliably.

IV. VISITS

A. Darryl Johnson, political counselor, American Embassy, Beijing, visited the bureau 4 January.

B. Bahrain senior editor [] visited the bureau on 10 January while on private travel.

C. Islamabad Unit Chief [] visited the bureau on TDY on 16 January.

D. Bahrain Chief Monitor [] visited the bureau 17 January while on private travel.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A. Chief Monitor [] won the 5-6 January doubles tennis tournament of the Rama IV Club, the weekend club composed principally of FBIS, Aerothai, Thai military and Thai government employees.

B. Deputy Chief [] traveled to the northern city of Chiang Mai under the sponsorship of USIS to give a lecture on music at Payap University on 14 January and a lecture on drama at the Chiang Mai Drama Festival on the 15th. He has since been asked to repeat the drama lecture at the university in the southern city of Songkla as well. (These activities suggest interesting rotation possibilities.) (HINT)

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Attachments: Monthly Production Report

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	763,590
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	310,670
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,661

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	19,190 min.	20,450 min.	247.00 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	23,370		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			2,370
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	1,940		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	4,390		
Dhaka Overseas Service in Bengali	410		
Dhaka Overseas Service in English	1,270		
Dhaka BSS in English		870	
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			0
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			0

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English			980
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BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	2,480		
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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			110
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			0
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			2,090

CHINA

Beijing International Service in Bengali	460
Beijing International Service in Burmese	2,330
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	550
Beijing International Service in Lao	0
Beijing International Service in Thai	1,740
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	1,480
Beijing in Hindi to India	290
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	110

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Vietnam Resistance Radio in Vietnamese	0
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	31,980
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	13,040
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	20,910
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Burma in Burmese	3,910
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Malaysia in Malay	13,420

HONG KONG

Hong Kong AFP in English	0
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INDIA

Delhi Domestic Service in English	45,970
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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	2,660		
Bombay PTI in English		920	
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		2,750	
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			370
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			600
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			3,000
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			0
Delhi PATRIOT in English			1,250
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			0
Madras THE HINDU in English			1,260

INDONESIA

Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	22,690		
Jakarta International Service in English	1,540		
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			430
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			2,130
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			1,870
Jakarta SINAR HARAPAN in Indonesian			1,190
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			0
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			550

KAMPUCHEA

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	57,910		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		24,090	
Phnom Penh SPK in French		8,480	
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane			0

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
Phnom Penh VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	67,490		
Vientiane KPL in English		16,010	
Vientiane KPL in English/French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
Vientiane PASASON in Lao			0
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	3,620		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	1,700		
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	6,670		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			3,870
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	0		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			70
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Domestic Service in English	6,990		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	12,080		
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	3,250		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	5,120		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			1,770
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			600

<u>BROAD-</u>	<u>PRESS</u>	<u>PUBLI-</u>
<u>CASTS</u>	<u>AGENCIES</u>	<u>CATION</u>

SRI LANKA

Colombo Domestic Service in English	3,280	
Colombo International Service in English	7,240	
Colombo International Service in Hindi	490	
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English		0
Colombo SUN in English		530
Colombo WEEKEND in English		0

THAILAND

Bangkok Domestic Service in English	2,360	
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	14,780	
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	0	
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	1,960	
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao	1,170	
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	16,400	
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese	0	
Bangkok BAN MUANG in Thai		440
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English		31,620
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English		20,740
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai		3,320
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai		1,070
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai		4,060
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai		500
Bangkok PATINYA in Thai		0
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai		3,760
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai		850
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai		2,710

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Bangkok THE NATION REVIEW in English		26,680
Bangkok WIWAT in Thai		1,490

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	0	
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0	
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	1,300	
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	1,180	
Moscow in Hindi to India	2,020	
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	470	
Moscow in Lao to Laos	1,690	
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	0	
Moscow in Urdu to India	0	
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	0	

UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	1,550	
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VIETNAM

Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	109,870	
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0	
Hanoi International Service in English	12,510	
Hanoi International Service in Thai	930	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese to NHAN DAN Ho Chi Minh City		0
Hanoi VNA in English		12,670
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese		30,970
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese		3,580
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese		0